# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

**Thursday, 24th November 1955.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Reorganization of States*

* 2798 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government have suggested to the States Reorganization Commission that Gudalur taluk and Attapady valley should be included in Tamil Nad; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) This Government have written to the States Reorganization Commission urging that the Gudalur taluk of the Nilgiris district should be retained in the Madras State in any scheme of reorganization of States in South India. They have not, however, made any suggestion regarding Attapady valley.

(*b*) The important reasons for making the above recommendation are—

(i) the Nilgiris district is of vital importance to this State from the economic and financial points of view as it contains the main sources of hydro-electric power available for this State, and it is one of the few areas where there are good forests and plantations in this State. The Pykara and Moyar Hydro-electric Projects are already functioning, while the Kunda Project will be taken up for execution shortly. The Moyar river is important not only from the point of view of electric power in this State but also as a very important tributary of the Bhavani river, and it runs along the eastern boundary of Gudalur taluk receiving the drainage of a good portion of that taluk. From the point of view of irrigation and supply of electric power, it is necessary that this State should retain complete control over the whole length of the Moyar river. For stabilizing and extending irrigation from the Bhavani river, this Government have recently completed the Bhavanisagar Project at considerable expense;

(ii) if, as may happen sooner or later, the Malabar and South Kanara districts are taken out of this State, Gudalur taluk will be one of the very few forest areas left for supply of teak;

(iii) the Mudumalai Reserved Forest in Gudalur taluk is not only an important catchment area for the Moyar river, but is also the only Game Sanctuary in this State; and

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(iv) Nilgiris is a convenient administrative unit in this State, with distinctive features, and, for the reasons mentioned above, its integrity should not be disturbed.

Sir, I am sure, I will be dealing with this aspect again when I reply to the debate. I do not think we need spend time on supplementaries.

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Is it the view of this Government that areas where sources of power and irrigation facilities are situated in the State should be allowed to remain in the new Tamil State even though the people in those areas are Malayalees?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : With regard to population figures I will be dealing with them in my reply to the debate. That is why I do not want to include them in the reply which was given up till now. I am sure I will be able to satisfy hon. Members that even with regard to the population, the Gudalur taluk has to remain with the Madras State rather than with Malabar.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, as a Government functioning for the whole of Madras State as it is composed at present, had the Government in view the welfare of the district of Malabar when they made such recommendations to the States Reorganization Commission?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We are fully aware of the interests of Malabar and I may tell the hon. Member that we are trying our best to the best of our ability to look after the interests of Malabar also. But simply because we happen to be functioning along with Malabar and South Kanara districts we cannot afford to abdicate our responsibility to the other portions of the State also.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether, before the Government was moved by strategic as against linguistic considerations in the matter of Gudalur, the Government consulted any public organizations or popular representatives other than inspired ones which have recently come up?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I know the hon. Member is a leading criminal lawyer and is an expert in putting leading questions. It is not a question of strategic considerations as against linguistic considerations. As I already said, even on linguistic considerations we have got a case for retaining Gudalur in Madras State.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Apart from the memorandum that was submitted by this Government to the States Reorganization Commission, may I know whether subsequently also this Government submitted any memorandum to the Central Government on this issue?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. Even subsequent to the publication of the report we have made further

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representations to the Government of India and the authorities concerned. We have dealt with these various aspects arising out of the S.R.C's Report and incidentally we have mentioned about Gudalur also.

SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHI GOUNDER : இந்த அத்திப்பட்டு பள்ளத்தாககு எந்த ஜிலலாவில் எந்த தாலூககாவில் இருக்கிறதென்று தெரிவிப்பாரகளா ? இதைத் தவிர வேறு எதாவது அபிப்பிராயம் தெரிவித்திருக்கிருர்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அத்திப்பட்டு 'வாலி' மலபார் ஜில்லாவில் இருக்கிறது.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know what is the source of linguistic information that the Government have got? As far as we know, we have got only the Census Handbook. Regarding Nilgiris district this gives information with regard to language groups for the whole district only and not taluk-war whereas the information taluk-war has been given with regard to other districts. With regard to the Nilgiris district what is the source of information?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : In 1951 Census Book only the language picture with reference to each district is given. But in the statistics taken with reference to each individual the language also has been entered in the census slips. That is why with reference to all these disputed areas or areas in which the disputes are likely to arise research has been done with regard to each individual slip. Therefore we have figures available with regard to each village and these figures have been compiled by the Government of India. It is only with reference to these figures, these linguistic statistics are being furnished.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether any mention has been made in the report submitted to the Government of India with regard to Kasaragod taluk also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. We have made representations with reference to Kasaragod taluk.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் முன்னொரு சமயம் கொடுத்த புள்ளி விவரங்களிலிருந்து கூடலூர் தாலூக்காவில் ஒரு பகுதியில்கூட தமிழர்கள் பெரும்பாலோராக இல்லையென்று சொல்லியிருக்கிருர். இந்தத் தாலூக்காவை சென்னை ராஜ்யத்துடன் இணைக்க வேண்டுமென்பதற்காகக் கடைப்பிடிக்கும் கொள்கையையே மற்ற எல்லைத் தகராறு உள்ள பிரதேசங்களுக்கும் கடைப்பிடிக்க மற்ற ராஜ்யங்கள் அனுமதிக்கப்படுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன். 9–10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, as far as I am concerned and the Government are concerned, we want a uniform principle to be adopted in all cases and that is our anxiety. But, unfortunately, one principle is adopted in one case which upsets at one point and another principle is adopted in another case which upsets at another point. If as a result of the application of any uniform principle, any territory or any portion of territory has to be handed over to any other State, certainly this Government won't stand in the way. But we want the adoption of a uniform principle.